

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Birchwood Shopping Center in Kansas City, Missouri, as the proud recipient of the 2005 Cornerstone Award, a most impressive accolade which will be bestowed upon it by the Economic Development Corporation during a luncheon to be held on February 22, 2005, at the Marriott Muehlebach Hotel; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) established the Cornerstone Award over twenty years ago to recognize and honor economic development projects that have contributed to the growth and stability of Kansas City's economy; and

Whereas, originally, a theme of "commitment to Kansas City" prevailed at the awards program and generally only new business construction and renovation projects received awards; and

Whereas, today's selection committee, made up of EDC Board members, has expanded the awards to include neighborhood projects, technological investments, promotion of international trade, and film production projects, as well as housing, community, and education projects; and

Whereas, the selection committee also selects winning projects based not only on investment and new jobs, but on the project's effect on issues such as education, quality of life, and the project's impact on the community and surrounding neighborhoods; and

Whereas, owned by Saad Wakas, Birchwood Shopping Center is a fine example of a neighborhood that has taken a lead in restoring the area with its spirit; and

Whereas, a cornerstone in community development through the creation of new jobs for area residents, Birchwood Shopping Center offers a wide variety of retail shops:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Birchwood Shopping Center upon its most worthy receipt of the Economic Development Corporation's 2005 Cornerstone Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Birchwood Shopping Center.

Offered by _____
Representative Cathy Jolly
District No. 45

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2005.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker